justice, I will compare with any Prince that ever you had or should have

[c] It may be thought simplicity in me, but all this time of my reign I have not sought to advance my teintones and enlarge my dominions, for opportunity hath served me to do it I acknowledge my womanhood and weakness in that respect, but though it had not been hard to obtain yet I doubted how to keep the things so obtained , that hath only held me from such attempts, and I must say my mind was never to invade my neighbours or to usurp over any

[c] I am contented to reign over mine own and to rule as a just Prince

[c] Yet the King of Spam doth challenge me to be the quarreller and the beginner of all these wars, in which he doth me the greatest wrong that can be , for my conscience doth not accuse my thoughts wherein I have done him the least injuiy , but I am persuaded in my conscience, if he knew what I know, he himself would be sorry for the wrong that he hath done me

* I fear not all his threatemngs, his great preparations and mighty forces do not stir me, for though he come against me with a greater power than ever was his *Invincible Navy*$_y$ I doubt not (God assisting me, upon Whom I always trust) but that I shall be able to defeat and overthrow him I have great advantage against him , for my cause is just

* I heard say, when he attempted his last invasion, some upon the sea coast forsook their towns and flew up higher into the country and left all naked and exposed to his entrance But I swear unto you by God if I knew those persons, or of any that shall do so hereafter, I will make them know and feel what it is to be fearful in so urgent a cause

[c] The subsidies you give me I accept thankfully, if you give me your goodwills with them , but if the necessity of the time and your preservations did not require it I would refuse them But let me tell you that the sum is not so much but that it is Heedful for a Prince to have so much always lying m her coffers for your defence in time of need, and not be driven to get it when we should use it

*You that be Lieutenants and gentlemen of command in your counties, I require you to take care that the people